Ornithology

Field Journal.

1955 - May 1960

NOTES

Abbreviations

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R.B. } Boswell
M.J. } Michael
Joynt

Scheme of Journal

For each field trip essential notes will be made under the following separate headings :-

a Journey details
b Skins collected.
c Species list for area.
d Notes on Species.

Other notes as required under appropriate separate headings eg. "Notes on area".

Field Journal 1955

Heabsville Bolthering Zuiyo
Zosterops Birds & Cap Birds

Aug 2nd 1955 Left Nasumi 09.20 hrs - arrived Heabsville area approx 1100 hrs - Weather Dull - cold - breezy Zosterops (no Zosterops) birds in patch of timber first visited bolthering, alive whistler P. olivacea (R. Boswell) I shot a Bell Miner M. melanophrys - more to test the .410 than anything else but unfortunately the bird - not killed outright - fell into bracken & though I searched for some time I could find no trace of it and regret that I eventually had to leave it ~~unfo~~ not found.

Partly due to the high wind some small species were

Sheltering in lower tree
levels. List observed throughout
Healesville area:
1 Superb Blue Wren - very plentiful
2 Wh-b Thornbill
3 Bell miner (Manna-bird) 2 — 2 Patches ? small nd. of birds
4 White-b Scrubwren
5 Olive Whistler (1) 2
6 Gy Southern yellow Robin
7 Wh f. Fantail
8 Wh Throated Treecreeper
9 Grey Jumper
10 Brown Thornbill
11 Yellow ?
12 Scarlet Robin
13 Welcome Swallow
14 Kookaburra
15 Gray ~~Thrush~~
B

Specimens Collected

1 Olive Whistler - ♀ Bell - dark brown upperparts, black, iris red brown, legs grey brown.

1 White-throated Treecreeper - ♂ Rutland Plains - dark brown

1 Mountain Thrush - ♂ Rutland Plains - dark brown

All in good plumage

Notes on Species

Olive Whistler Habitat: Rain forest brush - shrubs & trees in forest - thicket

Voice. Loud melancholy notes - plaintive

Very awkward in movement

Bell Miner - appears to have boundaries of colonies during day.

Mountain Thrush Two birds seen on ground - Eucalypt - bracken association

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Lunch 1200

12-50 - junction
Hen & Merroondah Hill
area - then back
along Melba Road
taking side tracks where
possible. Alone spot > Look a Thrush
Tunnel spot Parrot spot
mountain
near the end of Merroondah
- Lots Blackbirds - & alert
for shooting.
Silver > Black > Watts -
bloom
afternoon tea 1515 hrs
then up to Melba
callistemon at one, thicket of
acacia armata
on way where Blackbirds
were present but very alert
Arrived back at Museum
at 1655 hrs, while the aim of the
day was not achieved, good shots taken.

Lawnton — Sunshine

Outer Suburbs Collecting Trip

Sept 9th 1955 Journey Started

NO1 = 33409. 41465. 0920

0920 departed Lawnton

1000 Turned west - Lawnton area - pulled up at house

1 Doors. Per. Cocker. 1 Pipit

11.45 - 1 Hawk. Albion Park

collected Goldfinches.

after lunch, permission to enter private property

14.30 Albion area - collected by Hawk

Some good country between Albion Park & Dapto

1545 arrived back. Time spent in day

mileage 41506

Lawnton Albion Park Albion

Albion Sunshine

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Area Mason Spring day

much fine spring growth

many birds — flowers

not in reproduced

Birds well advanced

generally are courting &

pairing & should soon

Search by the members

the birds on the board

county would report study

Skins Collected

1 Hairy Woodpecker W3349

1 Red-shafted Flicker W3350

2 Goldfinches W3351-2

1 Skylark W3353

Species list

Magpie Lark — few
W.B. Magpie — few
Raven — 1 or 2
~~Bach Cock~~ Pipit Hundreds (2 or)
Skylark dozens
White fac Ch Common Budg
House Sparrow dozens
Common Myna few
Blackbird — few
Starling — Common — poke
Yellow H. Blackbird few
Goldfinch few
Greenfinch few

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Notes on Species

Mer-spur hind feeding habits
- small prong - hind a cross
- with pad on prong.

Long Shelf work - Dull long
very numerous - for
dozens - area

Wk. pr. Chat Near Sydney Rd
nest in bush - form
of a. brought back -
Open cup of grass not very
tidy - hens household
a little pen natural
3 eggs buff white mostly
specks large end pearly
fine pencil mid spot.
3 cases of nest -
- presumably hens or
immature

Unidentified Species

Calamanthus like hind Whitlock

Suggest few compared with Upanishads

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Grounds of Zoological Gardens

Parkville 22.9.55

Skins collected

Two Sparrows: W3364-5

Blackbird ♂ ♀: W336-7 0800-0900

Numerous introduced species on ground. Starlings, mynahs, ~~[illegible]~~ & Spotted Turtle Doves with Sparrows.

Species list

Two ♀♀ Sparrows — Wh. plumed

~~Spotted~~ Turtle Dove — Yellow Wagtail

Common Myna — White Wagtail

Starling

Blackbird

Magpie Lark

Note

Breeding White Wagtail - setting - most ? typical - introduced in Aus.

Sparrows.

Starlings. about 7th gen.

Grounds of Zoological Garden
Parkville 4·10·55
0800 - 0945
Skins collected / Starling ✓ W3373
Blackbirds feeding young.

Grounds of Zoological Garden
Parkville 6·10·55
0800 - 0920
Skins collected
Spotted Turtledove (2) W3380 W3381
Starling (1) ✓ W3383
Common Myna (1) W3379
Greenfinch (1) ✓ W3384
♀ House Sparrow (1) ✓ W3387 ✓

Notes: Building activity observed Magpies Lark feeding young.
Greenfinches in morning song.
Willie Wagtail, aggressive behaviour attacking Myna

Lords of Zool. Islands

13·10·85 0800 - 0900

Skins collected

3 Goldpunches W 3392, 3, 4

Notes Building activities continuing - less long grass Blackbirds + Song Thrushes...

Rutherglen District
Field Study
Nov. 7th - Nov. 17th 1935

Nov. 8th Tues 11.16. - Rutherglen.
Journey

Weather cloudy overcast. light rain
+ fog followed by heavy showers.
Cool. Set out from Wodonga
after breakfast arrived at 11.15
[illegible]
stopped at Chiltern 11.40 looked
at rocks.
Reached Rutherglen 2.00. lunch.
Still cool - broken cumulus clouds
- some very light rain.
The country between
both very well - rich growth
- grass very thick in
and along roadside
suggesting high rainfall

Cafe.

Home Cook in plenty many
greens with fish and beef
Raw as Tomato salad, + yoghurt
Comparate cooked Vegetables
Legal
Cauliflower under 4·5 NW value
Highest highest would be today
Fruits Cut Nuts Eggs
x Cooking Utensils
o Rennet ? milky mixture
b Nuts · o Apples pear more yes
c Onions Cauliflower
d No Steak · o Oranges Lemon yes
e Mangoes Guava
f Wh. pl Tomato - Cauliflower
Cabbage very low carb Green Olive
avocado fruit Nuts

Left legumes 2·3c
Dairy immediately Meat
Low protein Barley Peas
many Legumes
Cauliflower Cheese + Nuts

13 [illegible]
14 Rainbow Trout (4-5 pairs)
15 Stubble Quail
16 and Pipit
17 Blue [illegible]
18 [illegible]
20 Gold[illegible]
21 [illegible]
22 Wh[illegible]
23 [illegible]
24 White Nagtail
25 Pandalote [illegible]
[illegible] Kingfisher - breeding?
new records for district last [illegible]
27 BICS
[illegible]

12·45
13·25

1068

99

272

1081

489

31 –

32 –

33 – 6"

34 –

35 – 12" – 2 decimal

36 – 12 5 [illegible] 6 quad accas

37 – acca . 4 1" 1065

38 – 12" 18"

39 –

40 –

41 – flower 1 30 ; 30.

42 –

43 –

44 –

45 –

46 –

47 –

48 –

49 – Red Dromboh [illegible]

Musk Lorikeet

(Note - at time of taking this note was under misapprehension as to field being pond water & depth & extent of see then to depth & width however: thus make examination upon afterwards.
I am of opinion there was - no substratum,
Both sp.
Lobeng
collect

Note: Apparent impossible absence of Tabs.

Lucy Nov 12th

E. alba

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Hawa. Nov 17th.

Returned to Melbourne
reaching Museum at
4.00 hrs.

Skins collected on Trip

W 3401
W 3402
W 3403

Notes [illegible]
here.

W3411 [illegible]
W3412 [illegible]
W3413 [illegible]
W3414 [illegible]
W3415 [illegible]
W3416 [illegible]
W3417 [illegible]
W3418 [illegible]

Warrendyke
~~Hunnewadding~~ area & eastern
localities collecting trip
Nov 30th 1921.

see p 47

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6 Meeting Sup.

Warrendyke U.S. Sup. Station
WIA 2.7.6 22nd 1916

W
W3472

Winkle Creek.

Collecting Trip

Winkle, Bohemia Creek

(Valencia) Creek - Gippsland

Friday April 5th 1956

Reg No's Began with 2526.

Collecting Field Trip
Wellington area

For Meliphaga cassidix - as close as possible to melanops in size and markings etc.
April 1st (2nd) 1956 with
E. L. Banks

161 = W3547 ✓ Robin, at Summerhurst
creek. Gape black, third pair

We spent the morning in the above area but found hard rock less a chert bed

on previous occasion. -
ie. probably due to the cold
& the growing high wind
After an early lunch at 11.30
we had a further walk
round the timber on high
ground and then left for
Wivenhoe proper. From
there on we travelled all
the afternoon moving gradually
to the west, reaching Ufford.
We camped beside spot,
found round Falkon,
Greensborough, Watsonia,
Research, Diamond Creek
road & thence across to
the Hume highway. The
Whipbirds were fairly
on the roadside & a large
number of other birds were
noted on the open farm
land. The land particularly

dearest escapist ...
the ... we ... to write
Wagstaff & only see
we been during the
day & fuck on
the ... in from ...
house
... ... of
... ...
to ... ...

Observation Log
& Notes

Bob. Boswell, Warren Hitchcock + Self
left Museum at approx 10.15 a.m.
for Chuckar - Salt Works.
Found Salt works black
+ evil throng northerly
wind and so few
ones & observations, and
absolutely without
water, or duck.
Before lunch rowed
I found a nest
with c. 3 eggs of
Avocets. Little tern
hard — Caspian
tern — about 2 pair
few — gone — (two pairs
note wider) and
after lunch I found
a nest with c 3 of richly
marked Chats eggs I shared

probably
have taken both photos
duplicates - for the museum
has it but be a sanctuary.
the way on after
lunch we saw 4 small
lemurs which we could
not accurately identify
either Sanary or Little.

arrived back at museum
at 4 pm.

a nope ~~thanks~~

b Nest low — black berry - woodvine
- bird sitting on eggs. Stayed
on eggs allowing me very close

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Field Trip 4
Mud Islands Dec 10 & 1915

Observation of Waders & Fairy Tern.

With W B Richardson

Dec 10th

Left Museum 1520 approx
fine [illegible] day.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Reached Summerhill
after 1800 hours and
passed [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[

Lot 8 Block [illegible]

Jul 8th 1917 account by St Long

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To Zoo [illegible]

[illegible]

Sept 2nd 1957.

08.15 09.30

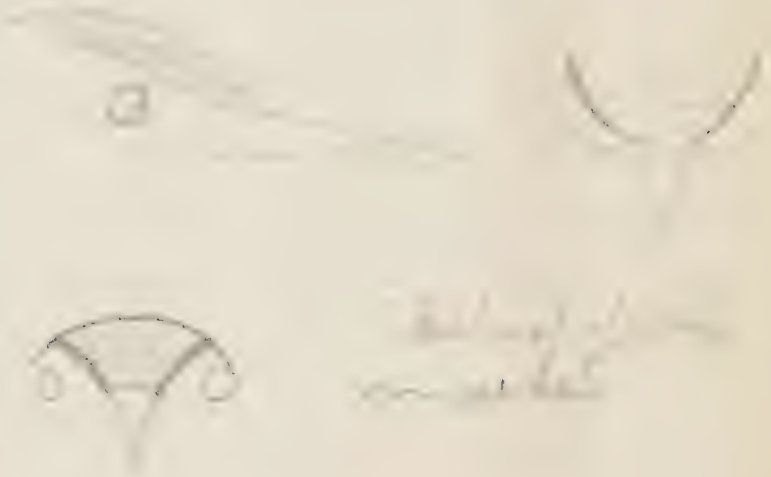
Species collected

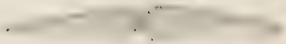
Song Thrush 1 ♂ Sydney

Tree Sparrow 4 ♂ Sydney

W4061 Common Myna 1
W4062 Common Myna 1
W4063 Blackbird (♂) 1
W4064 Blackbird (♀) 1
W4065 House Sparrow (♂) 1

One of the birds
observed here
thought possibly
Broadbills
Landrype
but examination of
skins indicates
prob. Little Shint -
with poss. Likely of
one dog. Burst
pursuit &
lost sight.
C. Brayshaw
30.10.57.





Macquarie Pt
Field Day
Dec 7th - Dec 21st 1951
See separate
book "Macquarie Pt
Field Journal"

Feb 26.26. 9.8

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2.45

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1 See Emm V 7 p 184

Emm V 9 p 155.

See also Armstrong Coll cont = [illegible] index for [illegible] cont.

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To Lara Lake.
with Max Weiner May 27/28
12.20. returned 16.30.
Visited duck trap at Lara
Lake near Yongampo.
found only Coot in trap.

To Black Forest Area
16.7.28 With Michael Zeagman
for collection of birds
for display.

[illegible]

Returned 09.00 [illegible]

Evening at 10.15 - picked up

Much collected and after [illegible] but
broken legs
[illegible]
Rain - very cold [illegible]
[illegible]
Heard [illegible] 410 & the 16 gauge

W4429 C. europaea
Shortly after we
Woodland - turned

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W 4437 8 [illegible]

W 4438 G hypoleucus

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Colac District

Trip to Colac to deliver talk to Colac Field Nat. Club. Sept 12 1958

Wed day - mid.

1100 Old Court museum.

13.30 arr. Beeburg - Colac

13.15 - 13.45 lunch

2 hours

1500 [illegible]

along south, & all round
- returned to Blackburn Rd
for the evening.
Birds scarce on trip
- some nice country off road
from Yarra Glen to Healesville.
Last seen included
/ Micraeca fascinans
/ Chalcites plagosus

Brisbane Ranges area

Field Trip - week Autumn

Names : Date :

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Order.

(Navy subcommittee meeting)

quite good microscopic slide.
Bird crowd more or
less one each containing
[illegible] one egg.

* Not published.

Field Inj Dec. 18-21st 1909

Dr Mayer N. F. Furuno,

Juvenile & Dep.

20th

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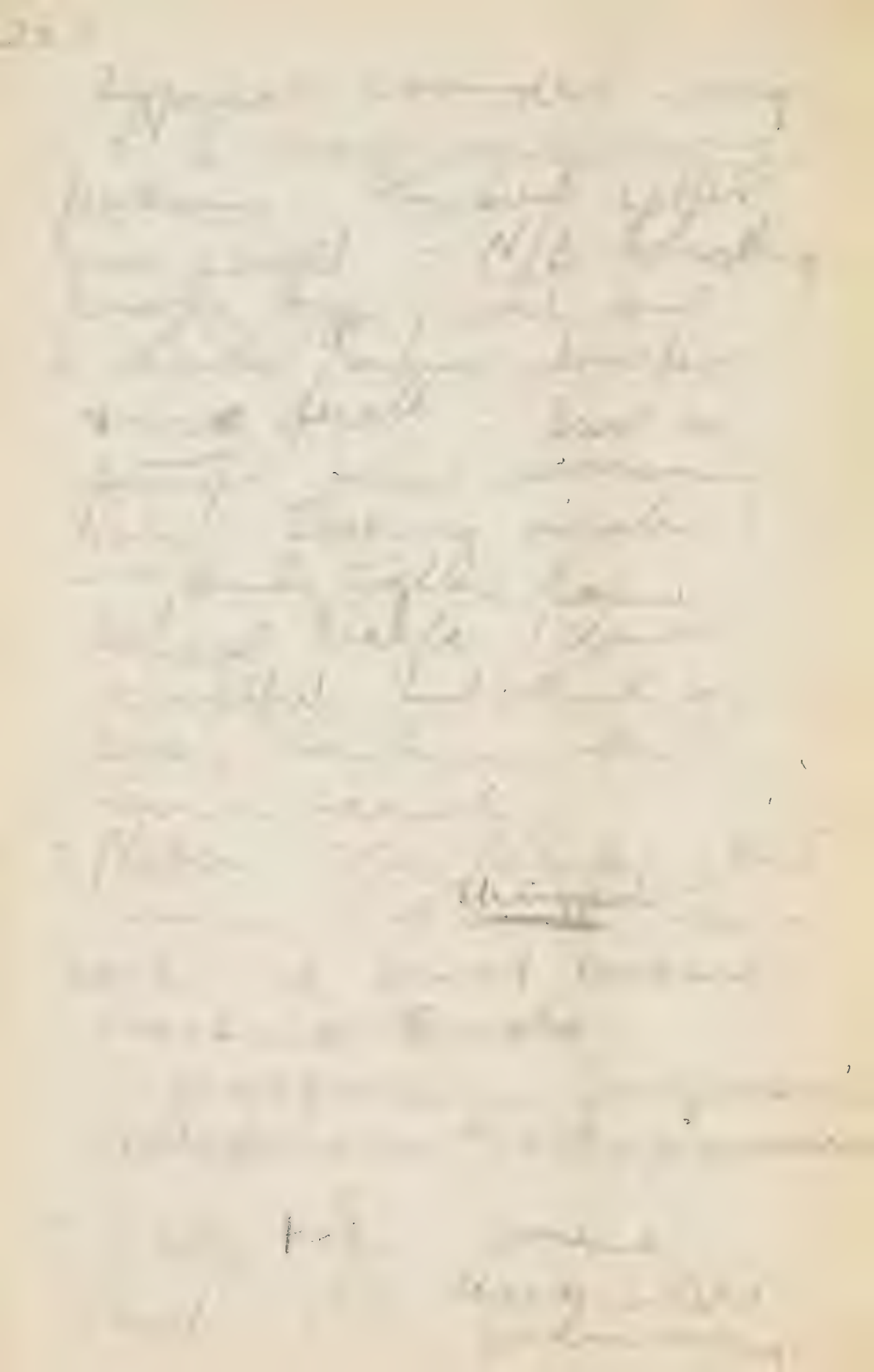
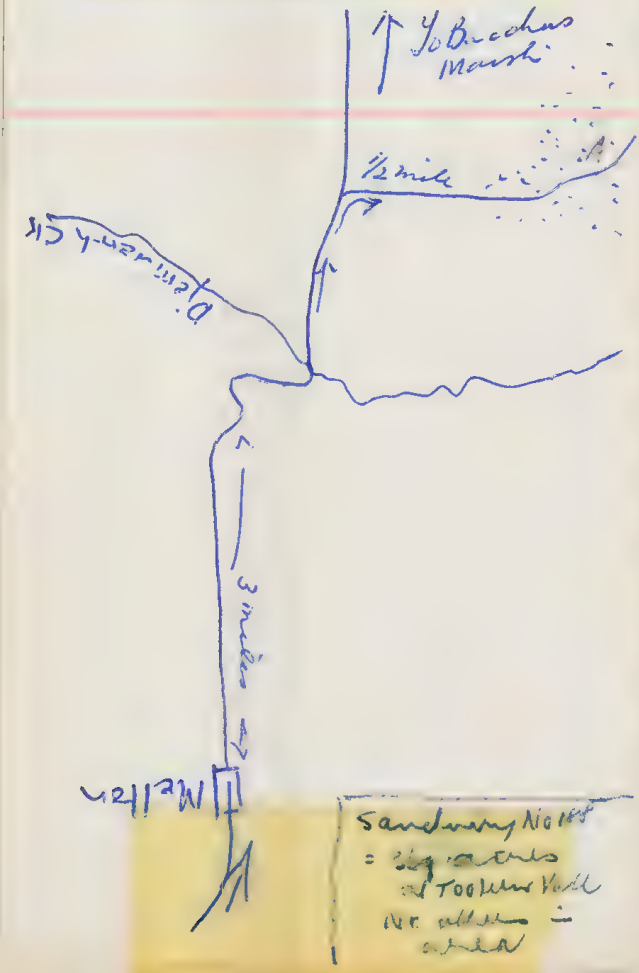
Mon Dec 21st




To Beaches
Marsh
½ mile
Delaware City
3 miles
Milford
Sandwiches Nights
Big events
Tootsie Roll
Not allowed

*W 5175 A. cyanoptiens SM

*. To BM

Fieldship Dec 18-21 1909.

Expenditure etc.

Accommodation etc.

Mr Mayer. £. 5. 0

Reg to c. £21 —

Vehicle etc.

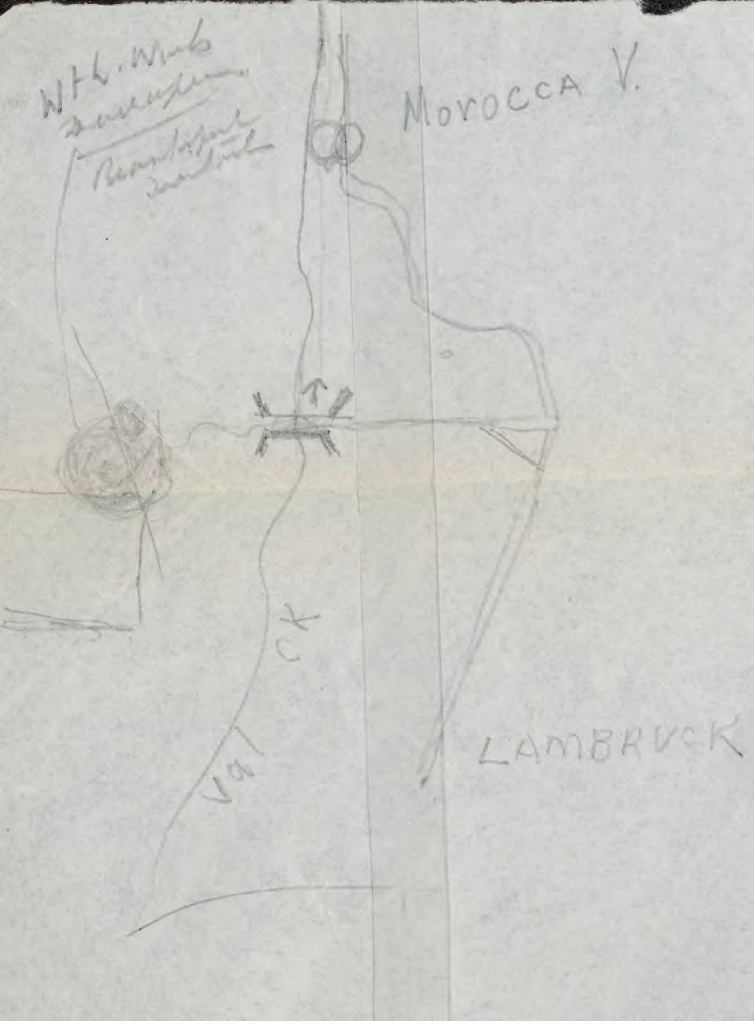
Cost per = 1.

Birds taken by Nankeen

Pipit
BFCS
Blue Wren
Brown Bush
Grey W. Eyes
Swan
Bassian Thrush
White Wagtail
Coot
Crested Tern
Curlew
Crested Pigeon
Dusky Wood Swallow
Eastern Swamp Hen
Emu
Flinders Cuckoo
Fairy Penguin
Grey Gerygone
Grey Shrike Thrush
Grey or Rabbler
Kookaburra
Little Cuckoo Shrike
Little Grebe
Magpie
Nankeen Hen
Nanny Mudlark

Pacific Cuckoo
Red Wattlebird
Red-capped Parrot
Red-backed Parrot
Spur-winged Plover
Strawnecked Ibis
Silver Gull
Skylark
Sandpipers & Sandpipers
wh. Swan
wh. wings Chough
yellow Rosella

E. leucoxylon var
macrocarpa
var rosea
E. hemiphloia
casuarina
cummingiana
Red Gum
Calitris
glauca
Murray Pine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